

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Jennifer Doan

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 5/14/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12, 24-40 and 56-76.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 02/12/04.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Reasons for allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art fails to disclose or reasonably suggest a chassis for holding telecommunications modules comprising the second horizontal surface having a first ridge and a second ridge positioned substantially parallel to but spaced from the first ridge as recited in claim 1; the divider slot being substantially parallel to the plurality of card slots of the first horizontal surface extending to an edge of the first portion as recited in claim 6; a first cover surface substantially perpendicular to the vertical sidewalls and between the first and second horizontal surfaces, wherein the first cover surface has a first substantially vertical portion, a second portion angled with respect to the first substantially vertical portion, and a third portion angled with respect to the first substantially vertical first portion and substantially perpendicular to the second portion as recited in claims 24 and 56; a first baffle surface being perpendicular to the first and second vertical sidewalls and angled with respect to the first and second horizontal surfaces as recited in claims 29 and 72; wherein a cable guide has a horizontal portion, a vertical portion, and a plurality of cable slots; and a plurality of radius limiters disposed within the cable guide with each radius limiter adjacent to at least one of the plurality of cable slots as recited in claim 36; further the first and second ridges have at least one opening between adjacent card slots on the second ridge as recited in claim 61; and further wherein a horizontal channel extends between the first and second vertical

sidewalls and spaces from the horizontal surface, the horizontal channel having a plurality of horizontal card slots extending parallel to the spatial planes of the vertical sidewalls, the horizontal channel having a width of the first dimension less than the width of the first dimension of the horizontal surface as recited in claim 64.

The examiner agrees with applicants' arguments on pages 14-21 in the remarks accompanying with the amendment filed on May 14, 2004, and fully concurs that Ortberg reference does not disclose or suggest all the limitations above.

Claims 1-12, 24-40 and 56-76 are therefore allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2346. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 6:00am to 3:30pm, second Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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